

INTIMATIONS

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded of the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company to be held on TUESDAY, the 9th day of October, 1918, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, LIMITED, No. 8, Pedder Street, Hongkong, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming as a Special Resolution the Resolution set out underneath which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 19th day of September, 1918.

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be and the same are hereby approved and that such regulations be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."

Dated the 20th day of Sept., 1918.
By Order of the Directors,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

THE WAR.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS

THE BRITISH FRONT.

AN ATTACK ON 8-MILE FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL AT ALL POINTS.

LONDON, Oct. 4.
12.15 a.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states:—

"At dawn the British infantry and Tanks attacked on an eight-mile front from Sequehart to the Canal, north of Bony. The attack was successful at all points."

On the right of the attack, the English and Scottish troops of the 32nd Division re-took Sequehart, taking prisoners, and later beat off a counter-attack with enemy loss.

In the centre, the English stormed Fauconcourt, and Wincourt, taking several hundreds of prisoners, while the Second Australian Division broke through the Fonsomme-Beauvois line west and south-west of Beauvois.

Rushing forward, the troops of these two Divisions, accompanied by Tanks reached the western outskirts of Mont Braine and secured high ground south and south-west of Beauvois.

On the left of the attack, the English and Irish forced passage across the Scheldt Canal at Gouy and Le Catelet, capturing both the villages and the high ground on the east.

4,000 PRISONERS TAKEN NEAR ST. QUENTIN.

LONDON, Oct. 4.
12.55 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states:—

"At the conclusion of yesterday's fighting we held the high ground a mile to the north-east of Sequehart, and had successfully beaten off counter-attacks at Gouy, Le Catelet and Sequehart.

We took over 4,000 prisoners during yesterday's operations, north of St. Quentin.

At night local fighting to our advantage occurred south-west of Beauvois and in the southern outskirts of Cambrai.

PROGRESS NORTH OF THE SCARPE.

We slightly advanced our posts north-east of Epinoy, and repulsed a hostile attack on a post south of Biache-Saint-Vast.

North of the Scarpe we made progress between Oppy and Morcourt.

More to the north our advanced troops reached the railway east of Lens and a general line as follows:—Vendhuile-Villers-Bardouf; Fournes-en-Woeppe.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION IN CHAMPAGNE.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

A French communiqué states:—

We advanced all night east of Lens-Dives, in the region of St. Quentin.

North-west of Rheims minor operations enabled us to widen our bridge-heads east of the Canal, and improve our positions in the region of Betheny. We took 100 prisoners.

In the Champagne the French and American troops extended their gains north-west of Mont Blanc and Medjean Farm.

VIOLENT FIGHTING IN ST. QUENTIN REGION.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

A French communiqué states:—

In the region of St. Quentin violent fighting occurred in the Hindenburg positions between Les Dives and Sequehart, where the enemy very strongly resisted.

Further south, we gained a footing on the railway east of St. Quentin, and made progress in the fighting east of St. Quentin, taking 100 prisoners.

North-west of Rheims we carried Cormicy and reached the Canal between Concreve and Lanvilllette.

The battle in the Champagne continues with sustained violence. We enlarged our gains in the region north of Sommepy.

Our troops, breaking down the resistance of the enemy, carried the crest of Mont Blanc and Medjean Farm. The prisoners already counted to-day number 2,800.

FILTRATION BY THE FRENCH IN CHAMPAGNE.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing yesterday, stated:—

The Germans, as elsewhere, are putting up a great resistance against General Gouraud's advance in the Champagne, fighting every yard of the ground. They were only beaten by the superior initiative of the French.

There were no French assaulting waves after the first day. The French advanced in groups, commanded by a Lieutenant or a non-commissioned officer, thus "filtrating" through ravines and capturing posts. When a score of such tiny operations are successful, a local advance is undertaken, and the sum of a number of such advances makes a general advance of the whole line.

1918.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

THERAPION NO. 1

THERAPION NO. 2

THERAPION NO. 3

No. 1 for Rheumatism, No. 2 for Rheumatic Weakness, No. 3 for Rheumatism, Rheumatoid Arthritis, &c.

Dermatological, Gynaecological, &c.

Anti-Gout, Anti-Scrofulous, Anti-Syphilitic, &c.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

TUESDAY,
the 8th October, 1918, at 2.30 p.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Voeux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street,

112, Esso Hammer GUN by Wilkinson,
London, in good condition.

Also
ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA
(36 Volumes) with case.

Terms:—Cash.

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Hongkong, Oct. 3, 1918.

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TUESDAY,
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2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Voeux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street,

Bedsprads, Pillow Cases, Tray Cloths,
Table Covers, Table Centres, Dressing
Table Covers, Single and Double Plain
and Hemstitched Sheets, White Satin
Quilts, Pure Linen Damask Serviettes,
Bath Towels, Turkish Towels, Glass
Cloths, &c., &c.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
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TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD
FURNITURE, BRASS-MOUNTED AND
TEAKWOOD TWIN BEDSTEADS,
CURTAINS, CARPETS, &c., &c.,
AND AN ASSORTMENT OF
USEFUL HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

As follows:—
Chesterfield Sofas and Arm-chairs (new),
Folding Card Tables, Uphoistered Suites,
&c., Bedroom Furniture, comprising
Beds, Twin Bedsteads, Twin Bed-
steads, Sideboards, Dinner Wagons,
Extension Dining Tables and Chairs,
Tea and Occasional Tables, &c., Dinner
Services, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cooking
Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet Sets, &c., Bath
Room Utensils, Sundry Electro-Plated
Ware.

Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood
and Teakwood Screens, Blackwood
Furniture, including large Blackwood
Screens, Side Tables, Chairs, Cabinets,
&c., Engravings, Pictures, Kinkos and
Brass Vases, &c., &c., Tennis Poles
and Net, Several Carpets, new and
second-hand.

One Portable 34 H.P. Caille Motors,
Typewriters, Pianos, &c.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Oct. 3, 1918.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

SATURDAY,
the 12th October, 1918, at 11 a.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Voeux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street.

A QUANTITY OF
DRESS MATERIAL, &c.,

As follows:—
Blue and White Serge, Alpaca (various
colours), Elanet, and Flanette, an
assortment of Coloured Prints, White
Blankets, Counterpanes, Handkerchiefs,
&c., Toilet Soaps, Perfumery,
&c., &c., &c.

Also
Sundry Lots of LINEN GOODS.

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TELEGRAMS.

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INTERESTING STRATEGIC SITUATION.
FAR-REACHING RESULTS ANTICIPATED.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Reuter's Correspondent at British

Headquarters, telegraphing this

afternoon, says:

With our line still creeping east-
wards beyond Lens, Armentières and

the whole of the Beaurœuf system,

reported to be in our hands, it may

be said that yesterday was a good

A distinguished officer, fresh from

the thick of the fighting, said:

"We have the Germans pressed and

cocked."

The trend of the fighting has swung

nearly due north, and the strategic

effect of yesterday's battle, may

possibly have far-reaching results.

Our patrols pushed out beyond the

Beaurœuf line along the whole

length of the new front.

There has been much heavy

counter-attacking on the Cambrai-St.

Quentin front during the night. We

were driven out but re-captured the

fortified positions of Beaurœuf Mill

and La Motte Farm.

The fighting is very severe around

Soissons. We are maintaining all

our gains. Tanks, assisted the in-

fantry most effectively.

Down to last evening, over 4,000

prisoners had been counted in the

Fourth Army lines. Prisoners are

still coming in.

AMERICAN FRONT.

STUBBORN FIGHTING ON THE MEUSE.

MORE POSITIONS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

An American communiqué states:

This morning we resumed our at-

tack west of the Meuse and overcame

stubborn resistance. We advanced

our lines from 2 to 5 kilometres and

captured Hill 240, north of Epernay

and took the villages of Gesnes, Fleury, Chéhery and La Forge.

Despite heavy artillery and

machine-gun fire we forced the

enemy back to the "Krieholz"

positions, south of Poisde-Foret.

ITALIAN ADVANCE IN ALBANIA.

CONTINUES ON WHOLE FRONT.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

An Italian official report states:

In Albania we continued to ad-

vance on the whole front between the

Sea and the Tomorina mountains

on Thursday.

One column crossed the Semen

and advanced across the plain of

Mavnik on Ljuna, an important

supply centre.

The other column from Berat

advanced in the direction of E-

Bussan.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

GOOD WORK BY WARWICK SHIRES.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

A British Italian official report

states:

The Warwickshires successfully raid-

ed trenches facing Asina, taking 142

prisoners. Our casualties were 12.

ALLIED ATTACK ON DURAZZO.

VALUABLE SERVICES RENDERED BY AIRMEN.

BASE AND AUSTRIAN SHIPS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

MACHINE-GUNS SUPPLIED WITH BOMBS.

HOSTILE PLANES BROUGHT DOWN.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig,

reporting on aviation, states:

Interest air activity was main-

tained on all possible occasions on

the battle-front of our counter-attack.

Our patrols successfully forestalled

the enemy's intentions by warning

our Headquarters.

Our advancing infantry were

screened by smoke curtains caused

by smoke bombs dropped from the

air, while our forward machine-guns

were supplied with ammunition,

dropped by our airmen.

Our fighting squadrons kept the

air free of hostile machines, enabling

this work to be successfully carried

out.

We destroyed 27 hostile machines

and drove down five out of control.

Twelve British machines are missing.

We dropped 20 tons of bombs

during the day and 30 tons at night.

Considerable damage was done to

junctions and communications.

THE AUSTRIAN VERSION.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

A wireless Austrian official report

states:

About thirty units of enemy naval

forces and numerous airmen on the

2nd bombarded the town and harbour

of Durazzo for two hours. The

material damage is not important.

The enemy's attempt to penetrate

the harbour with torpedo-boats and

gliding boats failed. One enemy

gliding boat was sunk.

REFRISALS FOR GERMANY'S CRIMES.

TWO ENEMY SUBMARINES DESTROYED BY AMERICANS.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

A CALENDAR OF
CELESTIAL
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Illustrated by six Photogravures and
containing twelve Quotations from the
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To-day's Advertisements

HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the PAVILION of the Hongkong Cricket Club on WEDNESDAY, Oct. 9th inst. at 5.30 p.m.

H. TAYLER,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Hongkong, Oct. 7, 1918.

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BIRTH:

NOLAN.—At "Rock View," No. 155, Wan Chai Road, on the 5th inst. to Mr. and Mrs. N. G. NOLAN, a son.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, Oct. 7, 1918.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction, Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 16th day of Oct., 1918, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of CROWN LAND at Yau Ma Tei, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Acres.	Annual Rent.	Date of Sale.	Time.
ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
1.	Reg. No. 1000.	Ward 100, No. 1350.	As per sale plan.	2,629.34	Oct. 10.	10.30 a.m.
2.	Reg. No. 1001.	Ward 100, No. 1351.	As per sale plan.	2,629.34	Oct. 10.	10.30 a.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (ON ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on

F R I D A Y,
the 13th Oct., 1918, at 10.30 a.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Voeux Road, Corner of

Ice House Street,

A LARGE QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE, &c., &c.

(Principally blackwood).
Removed to Sales Room for Convenience
of Sale, including upright Grand Piano by
Neuman.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
Tennants.—Cash.

On view, 10th instant noon.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Oct. 7, 1918.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SINGAPORE.

THE Steamer "VAN WAERWIJK"
having arrived from the above port,
Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby
informed that all Goods are being landed
at their risk into the hazardous and/or
extra hazardous hold of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.
Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves,
delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 12th instant
at 5 p.m. will be subject to rates
All broken, chipped and damaged packages
are to be left in the Godown where
they will be examined. Claims against
the steamer must be presented within
10 days of arrival otherwise they will not
be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us
in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JADINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
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Hongkong, Oct. 7, 1918.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

parties to this struggle, at Brasilitovsk and Bucharest. They have convinced us that they are without honour and do not intend justice. They observe no covenants, accept no principle but force and their own interest. We cannot come to terms with them. They have made it impossible. The German people must by this time be fully aware that we cannot accept the word of those who forced this war upon us. We do not think the same thoughts or speak the same language of agreement. It is of capital importance that we should also be explicitly agreed that no peace shall be obtained by any kind of compromise or abatement of the principles we have avowed as the principles for which we are fighting. There should be no doubt about that." The enemy Powers must have been aware of that. An armistice declaration delivered in New York as recently as September 26th. After the declaration we have quoted above President Wilson said: "If it be, in deed and in truth, the common object of the Government associated against Germany and of the nations whom they govern, as I believe it to be, to achieve by the coming settlements a secure and lasting peace, it will be necessary that all who sit down at the peace table shall come ready and willing to pay the price, the only price, that will procure it; and ready and willing also, to create in some virile fashion the only instrumentation by which it can be made certain that the agreements of the peace will be honoured and fulfilled." President Wilson declared that the constitution of a League of Nations and the clear definition of its objects must be a part, in a sense the most essential part, of the peace settlement. "It is necessary to guarantee peace to the conclusion that Germany is as ready as Bulgaria was—and as Turkey and Austria-Hungary doubtless are—to accept such conditions of an armistice as the Allies will consider it necessary to impose. The speech of the new Chancellor which is reported in our telegrams to-day puts that definitely beyond the range of possibility. Our enemies can be under no illusions, however, as to the sort of Peace Settlement which the Allies intend shall be the outcome of this war. Their request for an armistice can, at least, be regarded as a confession that they recognise if not that a complete and crushing defeat is staring them in the face, at least that they can gain nothing from a prolongation of a war which is now described, by German statesmen as a war for "the defence of the Fatherland." Having in mind the scornful attitude of the Entente Powers towards the recent Austrian Peace Note, and also doubts having in mind the historic speech which President Wilson delivered a week ago when inaugurating the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign in the United States, it is scarcely conceivable that our enemies can have taken the important step of asking for an armistice without being prepared to accept the terms and conditions which the Allies regard as absolutely essential to permanent peace. It is not without a certain significance in this respect that the enemy Powers should have addressed their communication to President Wilson. A story was recently told in a Home paper of a German prisoner, who being asked when the war was likely to end, replied: "We ought to win, because we have God on our side, but now the Allies have America!" We would like to direct the attention of our readers to the great speech on Peace conditions to which we have alluded above. It will be found in *extenso* in last Saturday's *China Mail*—the only local paper which has reproduced it. The speech was sent to the Philippines and the U. S. Legation in Peking, by wireless, and there has been only a brief reference to it in Reuter's service of cables from London. It is regarded as the greatest of the series of historic speeches which President Wilson has made on the subject of the war issues. In this speech President Wilson insisted that there can be no peace obtained by any kind of bargain or compromise with the Governments of the Central Empires, because we have dealt with them already and have seen them deal with other Governments that were

THE MAGISTRACY.

SHOOTING ON THE PRAYA.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with wantonly and negligently firing an airgun, using the Praya as his target.

The consequence was that a woman with a child, who happened to be passing the Praya at the time, was shot in the head. The mother of the child went to the Police Station, and reported the matter to Inspector Sullivan, who detailed Sergeant Holland and two detectives to go on board the *W. S. Sim*, from which the defendant was firing the shots. They went on board the vessel, but the defendant was absent. His cabin was searched and there were found an air-rifle, fully loaded with about 100 shots and 200 shots in tins. Later on the defendant came, and he was arrested.

The committee of the Kowloon Cricket Club have arranged that the opening of the New Ground, previously advertised for Saturday, 28th September, shall take place on Saturday next, October 12th, at 3 p.m. All friends and members of other clubs are cordially invited.

Telegrams received from Peking report that a most serious outrage has been committed there, says Reuter's Peking correspondent. On the arrival of a river steamer the Customs began the usual search of the vessel, but Japanese soldiers interfered, maltreated the Russian and Chinese searchers, and assaulted the British Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Mansfield, the son of the former British Consul-General at Canton.

Defendant pleaded guilty to firing, but said he did not know the child was on the Praya.

Mr. Wood, in imposing a fine of \$50 and in ordering him to pay another \$10 as compensation, said that if the child had been killed, he would have committed defendant to the Sessions. It was a very serious offence and defendant was lucky that the child was not hurt very much.

Defendant was charged in Mr. Wolfe's Court with picking the purse of another Chinese on board the *s.s. Shi Yang*.

The complainant, it was alleged, was a passenger from Shanghai and, while bending down to take up a cigarette which had dropped on the deck, felt someone picking his pocket. He turned round, immediately, and seized the culprit, whose person was searched and the purse found.

Mr. Wolfe remanded the case till to-morrow.

A PICK-POCKET ARRESTED
IN THE ACT.

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A STABBING AFFRAY.

A Chinese was brought before Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe for being drunk and disorderly and for assaulting another Chinese on the street.

Defendant said he had enjoyed himself and was drunk with the result that he was oblivious of what had happened at the time.

Inspector Sim said that the defendant stabbed the complainant on the back with a knife.

Mr. Wolfe sentenced defendant to three weeks' hard labour.

LARCENY OF MAT BAGS.

A Chinese was charged with the larceny of mat bags.

Sergeant Murphy said that the whole blame should be attached to the complainant, for leaving the mat bags in the street on Canton Road.

Defendant was also assaulted by an Indian constable, in consequence of which he appeared in Court with a bandage across his face.

The Magistrate remarked that he must get the Police to arrest the complainant if he continued to put the mat bags in the public street.

Defendant was sentenced to two weeks' hard labour.

PORTUGUESE RED CROSS FUND.

The Hon. Secretary, Club de Recreio, Kowloon, begs to acknowledge with thanks the following further donations to the Portuguese Red Cross Fund:—

Already acknowledged \$10.00
Nippon Yuen Kaihwa 10.00
Batelco Bros 300.00
Anonymous 25.00
Carvalho & Co 25.00
Pacific Mail S. S. Co 20.00
Union Trading Co 100.00
Banque de L'Indo-Chine 25.00
H.E. the Officer Administering the Government 5.00
Mr. Claud Severn 25.00
Anonymous 6.00
J. M. Roche & Co 25.00
Total collections by street sales of flags by young ladies 2,950.00

\$4,455.00

LADY MAY'S ROSE FUND.

LIST No. 6.

Already acknowledged \$1,573.50
Mr. J. D. Stephens 100.00
Mr. N. J. Stabb 100.00
Total \$1,773.50

CHILDREN'S COLDS.

WHY let the children rock their little bodies in such a distressing manner when you can so easily cure their colds with a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy! For sale by all Chemists and druggists.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"OUR DAY."

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

SIR.—The Committee and the other prominent persons who are devoting much time and money to perfecting the arrangements for raising funds for the Red Cross on the 22nd inst., are neglecting one thing to make "Our Day" a complete success. The number of people with money always at hand in this Colony is very small. Those who are paid a small or moderate salary on the 1st of every month will

THE MILITARY SERVICE TRIBUNAL.

TODAY'S CASES.

At the sitting of the General Military Service Tribunal, this afternoon, under the presidency of Sir William Rees Davies, K.C. (Chief Justice), the following cases were dealt with:—

THE MERCANTILE BANK.

Mr. C. Champkin applied for total exemption on behalf of Mr. R. Kennedy on grounds put before the Tribunal in the first instance. Every effort had been made to secure a substitute, but without success. Mr. Champkin pointed out that he did not apply for Mr. Kennedy's exemption on very necessary grounds, and strongly criticised His Excellency's statements at the appeal. He pointed out that His Excellency made much of the fact that the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank had taken the services of two Cadets but the names of those Cadets were not on the substitution list and he did not know that the services of such men were available until he was told they had been engaged by the Hongkong Bank. He further criticised the manner in which the opinion as regards his case, expressed by the leading Bank Manager, was conveniently brushed aside by His Excellency and also the statement of the various firms that they approve payment of salaries to their employees on the 23rd. I am sure we will all appreciate it.

Yours etc.,

HOPES.

V.R.C. AQUATIC SPORTS.

THE LAST DAY.

The conclusion of the Victoria Recreation Club's Annual Aquatic sports, on Saturday afternoon, provided a fitting finale to the two previous days' sports, and the event was unanimously voted "one" of the most successful fixtures in the history of the Club.

In addition to the ordinary programme there was a Ladies' Consolation Race, a Men's ditto and a Veterans' Race, the latter providing great amusement.

At the conclusion Mrs. Gurner graciously distributed the prizes for which service she

TELEGRAMS.

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THE GREAT BATTLE.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS NORTH OF ST. QUENTIN.

ENEMY SETS FIRE TO DOUAI.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

10.30 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

Major operations continued successfully north of St. Quentin.

The Australasians and English, accompanied by Tanks, progressed in the neighbourhood of the villages of Mont-Breton and Beauvois and on the spur north-west of Beauvois, taking a number of prisoners.

As a result of continued pressure on the whole front, the enemy is withdrawing from the high ground gained La Terciere Platou, in the bend of the Canal-de-Lescaut, between Le Catelet and Crevecoeur. We are now east of the Canal on the whole front from Le Catelet and Crevecoeur, where we are driving in the enemy's rearguards.

We took possession of La Terciere and a section of the Hindenburg system in this neighbourhood. The enemy has set fire to Douai.

BRITISH CAPTURE HELN,

MONT BREHAIN AND

BEAUREVOIR.

LONDON, Oct. 6,

3.10 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We have captured Heln, Mont-Brehan and Beaurevoir, despite severe counter-attacks.

BRITISH AIRMEN BRING DOWN 20 MACHINES.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reporting on aviation, states:

We dropped 21 tons of bombs during the day and 25 tons at night, our aircraft attacking at night midway junctions in the rear of the enemy's battle-front, causing damage to the permanent way and the rolling stock.

We destroyed 14 aeroplanes and drove down six out of control. Eight British machines are missing.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

GERMANS RETIRING TOWARDS THE SUIPPE.

THE SUIPPE.

FORMIDABLE POSITIONS ABANDONED.

LONDON, Oct. 6,

2.40 a.m.

A French communiqué states:

The French and American victories attacks for several days on the Vesle and Champagne fronts compelled the enemy to make a general retirement towards the Suippe and the Arnes rivers, hastily abandoning his formidable positions, which he had fortified during the four years, and defended with undeniably desperation.

He is retreating on a front of 45 kilometers in the Rhine sector in force. Brimont Fort and the Moron Villiers massif are ours. The Nogent-la-Bresse massif is completely surrounded.

Our advance guards are keeping in close touch with the enemy rear guards and have passed the line of Ornansville-Bourgogne-Germainy lines. Ornansville-Bourgogne-Germainy lines.

Further east we hold the whole course of the Arnes and have crossed the Suippe at Ornansville, and the Arnes at several points.

FRENCH AVIATORS CO-OPERATE IN FIGHTING.

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Enemy troops and convoys in the battle zone were bombed and machine-gunned. Twenty tons were thus expended. In addition 13 tons of bombs were dropped on the Arnes airfield, despite a dense fog.

FIGHTING IN CHAMPAGNE.

IMPERMEABLE ENEMY DEFENCES BROKEN.

THE DANGER TO GERMANY OF ANOTHER RETREAT.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing today, says:

The Germans are falling back in Eastern Champagne on the line of the Arnes, which is a tributary of the Suippe.

The Americans reached this line at St. Eustache village, 4 miles north of Sommepy.

General Gouraud's troops have now broken through in eight days two systems of the defences, the first of which was considered impregnable a year ago.

Meanwhile, it is noteworthy that the enemy has abandoned the theory of unbreakable lines, and now talks of official communiqués of "a gash in France and Belgium," which is all he needs to hold for the defence of the "Fatherland." The word "gash" has an ominous connotation in German. It has already served before as an excuse for pillage and laying waste large tracts of populous country. There is every reason to fear that this is what is now meant.

However, it also means that the German High Command is preparing the public for another retreat. That retreat, however, will bring the fighting line, unaccountably, near German lines.

THE AMERICAN FRONT.

FIGHTING ON THE MEUSE.

HEAVY ENEMY LOSSES.

LONDON, Oct. 6,

2.20 a.m.

An American communiqué states:

Our attack west of the Meuse continued, despite determined resistance by artillery and machine-guns from well-dug-in positions.

Strong hostile counter-attacks were repulsed with heavy enemy losses.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Oct. 6.

A wireless German official report states:

Against the new lines east of Armentières the enemy followed the Bois Grenier, Fourmies, Wingles, and across the railway to the east of Lens.

The English captured Le Catelet.

The French obtained a footing at Lesdin and Morecourt.

We re-captured La-Selle. We withdrew, unobserved, between Prunay and St. Marie Aix, eastward of Bapaume.

The Patriarch and the clergy were received by Prince Boris in the presence of the Ministers, the Deputies and the diplomats.

Prince Boris returned to the Palace and was acclaimed en route.

The officers at Sofia took the oath in the afternoon.

The King begged the Government to remain in office.

THE NETHERLANDS FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY.

NEW DEPARTMENT TO TREAT WITH POST-WAR QUESTIONS.

THE HAGUE, Oct. 6.

It is officially stated that a new department of the Foreign Office headed by M. Jonkheer Snouck Hurgronje, the Departmental Chief of the Foreign Office, assisted by an Advisory Council consisting of M. Colyn, M. Loder, M. Vanast, M. Heldring, M. Kroeller and M. Waller, has been established to unify the economic foreign policy and seriously prepare to deal with post-war economic questions.

The Department begins to work immediately with a view to the renewal shortly of economic negotiations with the belligerents.

The Austrian retirement in Albania followed Bulgaria's surrender. The enemy must make desperate efforts to defend the Dalmatian front suddenly created by the Allied victories.

The political and moral effect of the withdrawal of the front in Russia, which is beginning, will be immense. The Treaty of Brest-Litovsk becomes waste paper.

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AIR-RAIDS INTO GERMANY.

METZSABLON AGAIN BOMBED.

LONDON, Oct. 6.

The Press Bureau states:

An independent force on the morning of the 5th attacked the railways at Metz-Sablons with good results, obtaining eleven direct hits on sidings and railway lines.

All our machines returned.

TRIUMPH IN SIGHT.

PARIS, Oct. 6.

In reply to addresses from Departmental Commissions, M. Clemenceau, the French Prime Minister, writes:

"Triumph is in sight." — *Harcas.*

THE DEATH-KNELL OF THE CENTRAL ALLIANCE.

PARIS, Oct. 6.

The Re. Hon. W. H. Hughes, the Australian Premier, speaking at a farewell dinner, said: "Bulgaria has sounded the death-knell of the Central Alliance." — *Harcas.*

THE ALBANIAN BATTLE.

AUSTRIANS COMPELLED TO RETIRE.

PARIS, Oct. 6.

ENEMY DRIVEN BEYOND DIBRA.

LONDON, Oct. 6.

A French Eastern communiqué states:

The Allies in Albania forced the Austrians to retire along the Elbasin road, beyond the confluence of the Shkumbi and Liqanga.

The enemy was also driven back beyond Dibra.

A HARD BATTLE.

LONDON, Oct. 6.

A French communiqué says:

North of St. Quentin we have actively participated in a hard battle in the Hindenburg position and captured Chardouvert, south of Sequehart, and several fortified woods. Further south, we gained a footing at Les Dins and captured Morcourt. The enemy furiously and repeatedly counter-attacked, but all his efforts were shattered with heavy losses. We captured 400 prisoners and four heavy guns.

The French and Americans in Champagne gained an important advantage and completed yesterday's successes.

On the left we pushed for over four kilometres north of the Aube River and eight kilometres north-west of Sommepy to the river Arnes, and captured the villages of Vaudescourt and Doutre and Isoncourt and Grand-Bellois woods, despite resistance. Further east, we reached the outskirts of St. Etienne-Arnes and gained a footing on the plateau of Oiseul, capturing Oiseul village.

We evacuated Chalange, which neither side could hold, it being intensely shelled by both armies.

Favourable weather facilitated aviation on October 3. Nineteen enemy aeroplanes were felled and three balloons set on fire. Scouts pushed far beyond the enemy lines. Fifty-one tons of bombs and thousands of cartridges were fired in day-time as enemy reserves moved in view of counter-attack. At one sector aeroplanes again fed advanced troops. Five tons of food and cartridges were thus supplied. Twenty-nine tons of projectiles were dropped at night on enemy bivouacs and cantonments on a wide front.

GERMAN VANDALISM.

PARIS, Oct. 6.

M. Ringuer, Deputy for St. Quentin, who has visited the town, states that the Germans destroyed by fire and dynamite the spinning mills, lace factories and metal works.

The bombardment continues.

A number of houses have been destroyed and furniture removed. All public monuments, fountains and statues are defaced. The cathedral was destroyed by the explosion of a munition dump, but the Town Hall and theatre are scarcely damaged.

A German officer who was ordered to completely destroy the town was taken prisoner at the moment he was about to do so.

GERMANY MUST PAY.

PARIS, Oct. 6.

M. Clemenceau, in the course of a letter referring to the bombing of the Châlons-sur-Marne hospitals, after mentioning some of Germany's various crimes, says: "In the fury of defeat she is destroying our cities, homes, sacred monuments, art and industry, even our trees. In fifty months she has contracted a crushing weight of debt. This debt she shall pay."

FRENCH REPRISALS.

PARIS, Oct. 6.

Referring to the enemy's carrying out his threat to utterly devastate the occupied territory if forced to leave it, the French Government in a statement recapitulates the crimes of which the Germans have been guilty and solemnly warns the German Government and people that it will hold them responsible, morally, judicially and financially. It adds that it is now communicating with the Allies on the subject.

The French Government further warns Austria that if it carries out the threat to put to death airmen dropping leaflets or even carrying them, the same penalties will be applied to double the number of Austrian officers.

AN AID TO DIGESTION.

PARIS, Oct. 6.

Signor Marconi has achieved a great triumph in sending a wireless message direct to Australia from Carnarvon, a distance of over 12,000 miles. — *Harcas.*

THE ELDER-DEMPSSTER LINER DISASTER.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT BATTLE.

PARIS, Oct. 6.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, states:

How fiercely the Belgians are now fighting is shown by the fact that a German battery in action was captured by the use of knives and revolvers alone.

The Belgians rushed the guns while they were being fired and killed the whole crew.

The armoured car which entered Roulers did great execution. Two occupants were killed and two wounded. Only one was left to bring it back.

The advance was considerably held up before the pivotal position of Romagne.

ENCOURAGING BELGIAN REPORT.

THE CHINA MAIL.

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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTION.

GLASGOW, July 29.

The Agricultural Committee of Scotland have done some very fine work of recent months. The wheat crop of Scotland has been increased by 15,000 acres, the oat crop by 196,000 acres, and the potato crop by 23,000 acres.

There is some decrease in the barley crop, but the net increase in the whole of these crops is 227,000 acres as compared with 1917.

Considering the vast difficulties under which Scotch farmers have laboured not only during the past year but even since the war commenced, in connection especially with the provision of labour, it is a high tribute to the work of the Executive Committee and to the patriotism of the farmers themselves. This acreage fails to be added to an increase in the previous year of 49,000 acres, making an increase in two years of 276,000 acres of land under crop. It is gratifying that this increase has been obtained without any diminution in the total numbers of live stock. The number of cattle in Scotland is practically the same as it was before. There is an actual increase in the number of sheep. Of pigs there has been some decrease, but taking the whole cattle stock of the country together, it is found that in spite of very large areas taken out of pasture and put under cultivation, there is no real diminution in live stock. All this points to a very satisfactory condition of agriculture in Scotland.

OUR WAT-SAVINGS.

The latest number of the *Scottish Historical Review* records a quaint incident in the struggle over the newspaper stamp duty. John Lennox, a newspaper at Dumbarton and then at Greenock, published in 1849 some numbers of the *Greenock News-Cloud*, which, being printed on calico, evaded the provisions of the Stamp Act. He wrote that he was prepared to face "ridicule of our clients as a mere disturbance" in the hope that it might bring the question of taxes upon knowledge to an issue. This hope was fulfilled so far as his paper was quoted in the debates in the House of Commons.

A STRONG ACCOUNT.

Lord Weir, our Air Minister, talks straight from the shoulder, and has the best developed accent that, ever came out of Glasgow. Some time ago, an Italian Mission was being launched by a Government Department, and one of our new generals found himself seated next to a very intelligent, and interesting man, from whom he learned a great deal about all sorts of aeroplanes and the things that go to the making thereof. "I suppose," said the general, "you in Italy do 'on-ions'?" "Oh, I don't come from Italy," was the reply: "my name is Weir, and I'm the Director of Aircraft Production."

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DEATH MASK OF MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS.

An exhibition is being held at Langside to mark the 350th year since the battle which sealed the fate of Mary, Queen of Scots. We in the North are always interested in the memories of that eventful day, 13th May, 1568, the sunset of which saw the young and beautiful Queen, "defenders and undone," a fugitive fitting post-haste with Lord Kerril for the Solway, byond which, after nearly 20 years of captivity, lay Fotheringay.

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AUSTRALIA'S LATEST WARSHIP.

LAUNCHING OF THE "ADELAIDE."

"I name this ship *Adeelaide*. May she ever be victorious, and may the blessing of God rest on all those who sail in her." With these words, Lady Helen Munro Ferguson at Sydney, broke a bottle of Australian wine on the bow of Australia's new warship—the sister ship to the *Brisbane*. Certain devices and machinery were put in motion, and the great vessel glided quietly down the slip into the water. The launching was a complete success, and was not marred by a mishap of any kind or degree. There was perhaps 15,000 people on Cockatoo Island to witness the ceremony.The christening ceremony was brief and impressive. As the wine dripped slowly over the beautiful wreath which was fastened to the bows of the *Adeelaide* the order was passed, and down in the slipway, beneath the vessel a scene of total silence.The launching activity commenced. All the chocks were removed without difficulty. Lady Helen Munro Ferguson was handed a mallet and chisel, with which she cut the rope. On the platform all eyes were on the *Adeelaide*. The ship moved very slowly at first, and then gathered speed in a moment. The crowd burst into great cheer. Hats and umbrellas were waved, and steam sirens boomed as the *Adeelaide* entered the water, like a living thing, as if she knew that she had reached her natural element. The ship shook herself free from her cradle and floated gracefully and upright on a perfectly even keel.LOSS OF WEIGHT
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 5.)

THE ITALIAN FRONT.
BRITISH ADVANCE.

LONDON, Oct. 5.
An Italian official message says:—
The British broke into the lines at Ave on the Asiago Plateau and destroyed the defensive works and took 150 prisoners.

The enemy attacked northward of Grappa on Mount Solarolo, the front-head of the Sizzano Valley. He got a foothold in our post at Maggiano, suffering heavy losses.

Air activity was intense. We brought down four aeroplanes.

ITALIANS ADVANCE IN ALBANIA.

In Albania we passed Ljusnet. ITALIAN SUCCESSES IN MACEDONIA.

In Macedonia the surrender of the Bulgarians facing our positions on the Monastir-Kicevo road began on Thursday.

One hundred and ninety-one officers, of whom two are brigade commanders, and four regimental commanders, and 7,118 of other ranks are already counted; also eight guns, 70 machine-guns and other material.

THE PALESTINE OFFENSIVE.

OVER 70,000 PRISONERS.

LONDON, Oct. 5.
A Palestine official message states:—
The general situation is unchanged. Our cavalry, northward and westward of Damasus, is clearing the country.

We have taken over 15,000 prisoners. Since Sept. 18th, we have captured 71,000 prisoners and 350 guns. King Hussein's Arabs took an additional 8,000. Included in these figures are several Turkish commanders and 7,200 Austrians and Germans.

THE GERMAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

DR. SOLF APPOINTED FOREIGN SECRETARY.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 5.
A Berlin official message reports that Dr. Solf has been appointed Foreign Secretary. He continues as Minister for the Colonies during the war.

VIEWS IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.
The composition of the new German Cabinet in generally interpreted here as a desperate effort by the Prussian militarists to hand-wink the Entente and German people into a belief in the democratization of Germany. It is predicted that Germany is about to make a new peace proposal disguised under the most attractive democratic programme. It is pointed out, however, that as the Government is not responsible to the Reichstag and Herr Scheidemann and Herr Gruener are without power and without portfolio, the Junkers are still in actual control.

TRANSPORT OF AMERICAN TROOPS.

STRIKING FIGURES.

LONDON, Oct. 5.
Striking figures respecting the transport of American troops to Europe show that the total up to Sept. 30th was 1,750,000, of whom British ships carried approximately 1,000,000.

Seventy per cent. of the work of convoying was performed by the British Navy.

During Sept. 311,000 Americans, 3,000 Canadians and 4,000 American seafarers were transported to Europe. Half of these Americans landed in France and the remainder in England. The largest single convoy from the United States came in September. It numbered over 31,000. The previous record was 29,000.

The figures emphasise the enormous contribution America is making, the strength of the British Navy and the failure of the much vaunted U-boat threats to prevent the arrival of the American Army.

GERMAN COAL FOR HOLLAND.

PRICES RAISED.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 5.
It is officially announced that the prices of coal, of which Germany agreed to supply Holland with 120,000 tons monthly for five months, has been raised by 45 guilders a ton, making the average pithead price 90 guilders per ton.

Holland also gives Germany credit of 30 guilders for every ton supplied.

SUNSHINE AND COMMON SENSE.

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THE BULGARIAN SITUATION.

FERDINAND'S AbdICATION REPORTED.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 5.
A Vienna message dated 4th inst. says it is reported that King Ferdinand of Bulgaria abdicated yesterday in favour of Prince Boris, who has assumed power.

THE REPORT CONFIRMED.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 5.
Vienna officially confirms the abdication of King Ferdinand and the succession of Prince Boris.

A SERBIAN SUCCESS.

LONDON, Oct. 5.
A Serbian communiqué states:—
We repulsed Austro-German reinforcements on Oct. 4, and pursued them towards the old Serbian-Turkish frontier, taking 100 prisoners.

THE AUSTRIAN PEACE NOTE.

REPORTED BRITISH REPLY.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 5.
The *Berliner Tageblatt* publishes a message from Vienna which states that the British reply to Count Burián's peace note was received in Vienna on September 30th. It requests Austria to specify her peace proposals more precisely.

A CLUMSY PEACE OFFENSIVE.

LONDON, Oct. 5.
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ANOTHER VIENNA REPORT DENIED.

THE HAGUE, Oct. 5.
The Foreign Office states that there is not a word of truth in the Vienna reports that Holland has invited the belligerents to negotiate.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 4.

The *Mittags Zeitung* announces the inauguration of a German Propaganda Ministry.

Apparently this is the sequel to widespread complaints in Germany against the efficiency of British propaganda.

GERMAN CONTROL OF RUSSIAN WARSHIPS.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 5.

Berlin announces that the battleship *Vogel*, with other units completed in war time, are now under German control protecting the Black Sea and the straits.

This step is taken in agreement with the Moscow Government.

BRITISH STEAMER IN COLLISION.

ELDER-DEMPTER LINER SUNK.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

A British steamer collided on Oct. 3rd with the steamer *Banda*, which sank immediately.

Forty-one survivors, including a lady, were landed.

NEW COTTON COMBINATION.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

The *Times* states that a new combination in the Egyptian spinning trade, involving over a million spindles, is foreshadowed. Apparently a big London financial syndicate is concerned. It is understood that, so far, a definite agreement for purchases of the whole controlling interest has been reached only in connection with four Lancashire firms, comprising 667,000 spindles.

THE LONDON NEWSPAPER DEAL.

SYNDICATE TO SUPPORT PREMIER.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

The *Saturday Review*, writing prior to the announcement of Sir Henry Dalton's purchase of the United Newspapers Ltd. said the *Daily Chronicle* had been sold to a syndicate formed to support Mr. Lloyd George.

The price is nearly a million sterling.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

Meissner, Montagu and Company's Silver Report states:—

The market continues good, with fair enquiry for manufacture. After receding to on 3d. official China exchange

the market has risen from 1,342 to 2,150 taels in the last year owing to

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